













## FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

### Testing Seeds.

Before garden or field seeds are sown in quantities it is a good plan to test them. They will often be found to be worthless or only partially good, and much time and vexation may be saved by testing before the planting is done. To test seeds, do not plant them in the ground. The conditions of the soil and its temperature prevent good seeds from germinating, and this is especially true when they are put in boxes in the ground. A good plan is to place seeds between damp pieces of flannel, and keep them at a regular temperature and an even amount of moisture cannot easily be secured. A good plan is to place seeds between damp pieces of flannel, and keep them at a regular temperature and an even amount of moisture cannot easily be secured. A good plan is to place seeds between damp pieces of flannel, and keep them at a regular temperature and an even amount of moisture cannot easily be secured.

### Best Place for Manure.

Where does the manure do the most good? This is a very important question for farmers. Manure is a valuable fertilizer, and its use is a common practice in all agriculture. However, it is not always used in the best manner. Some farmers spread it on the surface, while others plow it under. The best place for manure is in the soil, where it can be used by the plants. It is important to use manure in a way that will not harm the soil or the plants. A good plan is to use manure in a way that will not harm the soil or the plants. A good plan is to use manure in a way that will not harm the soil or the plants.

### Farm and Garden Notes.

Food soil is good for potatoes. Cut young grass for feeding hens. A light, dry soil for watermelons. Plant early sweet corn pretty thick. The blackberry succeeds on old wood soil. Tomato plants in melon hills drives away bugs. Barley is the best food for fattening young geese. Put hen manure in the corn field and the potato hill. Feed young calves three times a day at regular intervals. It costs as much to raise a weed as to raise a bean stalk.

### For early onions put out a few sets.

The new, pale asparagus is not without delicacy, but it has no striking flavor. A clean clover plot would grow four inches deep will raise a good crop of clover. Don't forget that a good field of clover is one of the best things you can have on the farm.

### A good coat of unleached ashes will increase the wheat crop from twenty-five to thirty-five per cent.

### Ventilation in the dairy should be done at night or early in the morning when the air is the coolest.

### Whatever is new should be tested on a small scale, and only when found advantageous adopted in a wider field.

### A poultry fancier says that tarrenness in eggs more frequently causes the lack of green food than anything else.

### Raise Hubbard or Marbled squashes for fattening cattle. Also for making "pumpkin pies," if you are a pie maker.

### Scald the milk for calves having the "scours," says the Prairie Farmer. It checks the complaint gradually and does no harm to digestion.

### The scarlet runner bean makes a shade on the south side of the garden. It has pretty flowers. The beans are good to eat, but are not to our taste.

### Professor Stockbridge says that the average growth of wood on an acre of land between New York and Ohio is from one to two inches a year.

### Don't throw away the young beetles that have thinned out. Instead of throwing them on the ground, keep them in a pan of cold water, and afterward boil them, roots and tops, for greens. They are delicious.

### The Gardener's Monthly says that a little windmill, such as some birds make with a jack knife, will keep birds out of a cherry tree in case a tiny bell is attached to it. It is better than a stuffed cat or an imitation cat.

### A Jerseyman threw a lot of old mackerel under a peach tree. It was afterward the only tree that bore any fruit. He said the fish fed the business. There was some truth in it. We believe the salt had more to do with it.

### The strawberry worm attacks the ripe berries, leaving only a small hole, about the one-sixteenth of an inch in diameter, to show its entrance, and feeds on the inside of the berry. The worm is a small, fat, white, grub-like creature. It is found in a cavity the size of a Lima bean.

### Have plenty of grapes for the children. One New York physician prescribes them as a tonic in nervous diseases. There are some parts of Europe where it is called the grape cure. A New York musician cured himself of drinking ardent spirits by eating many grapes daily.

### Strawberries require an open soil. Leaves from the woods are good. Do not work the soil with the hoe too close to the plant. The strawberry plant may be vigorous, but it is a delicate plant. It needs as much coaxing as a wallflower at a ball. It needs it, all the same, and yet it deceives you unless you are tenderly polite to it.

### The care with which the straw stack has been used up for bedding or feed, or otherwise disposed of, is an indication of the kind of farming pursued. A large, unused straw stack, this season, is a sign of poor management. It is better to sell the straw than leave it in the yard to be removed in a hurry just before the coming of the snow, so as to get it out of the way.

### Deep working of growing corn, says the Kansas Farmer, is not good. It tears away roots that are needed to hurry the growth of the corn. And it tends to hasten evaporation. If ground is well prepared for planting the shallowest working which will keep the surface loose and destroy weeds is the best. It is a mistake to turn the teeth or shovels away down where the roots ought to be enjoying absolute freedom.

### The best remedy suggested against the sheep and dog parasites yet known, is to place small loaves in the sheep pasture, having holes bored in them about eight inches apart and three inches deep, with the green end, or bottom, of the loaf, in the bottom of the hole. The sheep will eat the loaves, and the parasites will be destroyed.

### A practical farmer who burns both coal and wood in different stoves makes a practice of mixing the ashes and applying it to his young orchard in the spring. He believes that the potash of the wood ashes is effective in small quantities, and that its addition to the coal

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### Household Recipes and Hints.

An excellent corn soup is made by adding a quart of corn to a quart of beef stock. Season with butter, pepper and salt. —New York Post.

Excellent dressing for chopped cabbage is made by heating a small cup of vinegar with a lump of butter or a well-beaten egg; salt and pepper to suit your taste. Pour while hot over the cabbage. A very little cream added in the dressing process. If the knife is often dipped into water while spreading the dressing, it will give a gloss or polish greatly to be desired.

If you have a cold roast of beef and no gravy left, cut pieces of the fat off, with some little, browned, outside pieces; put them in a small pan, and melt them in a good gravy, considering that it is not from the fresh roast.

A delicious dish is made of apples and is called apple omelet. Peel and stew, stir in a large lump of butter, a little sugar, and four well-beaten eggs; add fine bread crumbs, and bake in a hot oven. Finally the station in question was reached, and just after the whistle sounded the groom gave the bride a rousing call on his lip and the bride-knave opened the door and shouted: "Sawyer! Sawyer!"

"What's that?" responded the groom looking over his shoulder at the bride-knave.

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### Clean Gown.

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"A pair of soft, lustrous eyes looked inquiringly into the face of Harold Wyne, and over the net, gaily followed by a sunny smile as she saw by the expression of Harold's face that the question had not been asked in seriousness."

"How you frighten me!" she said, nestling close beside him in the confiding, trustful way that is so characteristic of woman when she is about to lay pipe for the night.

"If you had been here when I came, Harold, I believe your words would have broken my heart," —and stepping to the other side of the conservatory, into which they had wandered after the last party, she gazed steadfastly out into the deepening gloom of a November night.

"Poor little birdling," said Harold to himself, "how madly she loves me! My words, even though spoken in jest, have affected her strangely, and she steals away for an instant to conceal the tears that have been restrained."

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## ANTIDOTE FOR THE BLUES.

### NO REMEDY BETTER THAN A DOSE OF FUNNY STORIES.

Back Against Nature—Made no Difference—Clean Gown—Appearance are Decisive.

"I understand that," said the Southern Boston Iron works could not have a wave of rain, but in the bottom, said a man meeting an acquaintance.

"No; had to move away."

"Wasn't the land good?"

"First rate, but the trouble with him is laziness. He was too lazy to live in that country. There's no place for a lazy man, let me tell you. Why, sir, that fellow had a chill one day and was too lazy to shake."

"In that country it is necessary for a man to shake when he has a chill. It ain't right to back against nature."

Arkansas Traveler.

### Made No Difference.

A traveler just from the South reports the following: On one of the Southern railroads there is a station called "Sawyer." A newly married couple boarded the train, and were very loving indeed. The brakeman noticed the gushing groom kiss the bride about two feet from the engine, and he said, "Sawyer." Finally the station in question was reached, and just after the whistle sounded the groom gave the bride a rousing call on his lip and the bride-knave opened the door and shouted: "Sawyer! Sawyer!"

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